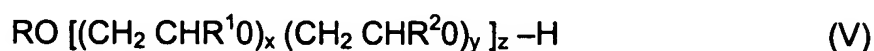


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. **(Currently Amended)** Composition comprising alcohol alkoxylates of the general formula (V)



wherein the residue RO is derivable from a mixture of alcohols ROH, being essentially primary alcohols, essentially consisting of

- (a) from ~~more than~~ 20 to 80 % by mass of alcohols that are linear and aliphatic and comprise 8 to 20 carbon atoms,
- (b) from ~~more than~~ 10 to 80 % by mass of alcohols that are aliphatic and comprise
 - 8 to 20 carbon atoms, and
 - 1, 2 or 3 carbon atoms are tertiary carbon atoms whereas
 - none of the two carbon atoms in the 1 or 2 position relative to the OH group is a tertiary carbon atom and
- (c) up to 25 % by mass of alcohols are different from ~~to~~ (a) and (b) and comprise 8 to 20 carbon atoms,

wherein for all alcohols according to (a), (b) and (c)

- at least 80 % of the tertiary carbon atoms related to the total of all tertiary carbon atoms in the alcohol mixture are not directly adjacent,

- the alcohols according to (a), (b) and (c) supplement one another essentially to 100 % by mass and

wherein for the alcohols (b) and (c) that have ~~may comprise~~ alkyl branching

- at least 80 % of the alkyl branches are methyl and/or ethyl and

R^1 and R^2 are independent of one another and optionally different for each z, and
are selected from the group consisting of

H and linear aliphatic C1 to C3 hydrocarbons with the proviso that

R^1 and R^2 are not the same for one z,

x and y are ~~have~~ independent of one another and optionally different for
each z values from 2 to 10, and

z has a value of from 1 to 5.

2. **(Original)** Composition according to claim 1, wherein

x is from 2 to 6,

y is from 2 to 6,

z is from 1 to 2, preferably 1, and

R^1 is H and R^2 is methyl, ethyl or propyl or

R^1 is methyl, ethyl or propyl and R^2 is H.

3. **(Currently Amended)** Composition according to ~~at least~~ any one of the preceding claims 1 or 2, wherein the alcohol mixture comprise independently of each other

- 40 to 80 % by mass of alcohol (a),
- 40 to 80 % by mass of alcohol (b) and/or
- 10 to 20 % by mass of alcohol (c).

4. **(Currently Amended)** Composition according to any ~~at least~~ one of the preceding claims 1 or 2, wherein alcohols (a), (b) and/or (c) comprise independently from each other 9 to 16 ~~and more preferably 10 to 14 carbon atoms and in particular 12 to 13 carbon atoms.~~

5. **(Currently Amended)** Composition according to any ~~at least~~ one of the preceding claims 1 or 2, wherein for alcohols (b) 1 or 2 carbon atoms are tertiary carbon atoms and independently none of the three carbon atoms in the 1, 2 or 3 position relative to the OH group is a tertiary carbon atom.

6. **(Currently Amended)** Composition according to any ~~at least~~ one of the preceding claims 1 or 2, wherein for alcohols (b) none of the two, preferably none of the three, carbon atoms at the end of the chain are tertiary carbon atoms.

7. **(Currently Amended)** Composition according to any ~~at least~~ one of the ~~preceding~~ claims 1 or 2, wherein at least 95 % of the tertiary carbon atoms relative to the total of all tertiary carbon atoms in the alcohol mixture are not directly adjacent.

8. **(Currently Amended)** Composition according to any ~~at least~~ one of the ~~preceding~~ claims 1 or 2, wherein at least one x or y is equal to or greater than 2 and preferably x and y are from 2 to 10.

9. **(Currently Amended)** Composition according to any ~~at least~~ one of the ~~preceding~~ claims 1 or 2, wherein the alcohols ROH are derivable from olefins obtainable by Fischer~~Fisch~~-Tropsch Synthesis via hydroformylation.

10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Currently Amended)** Composition of matter according to ~~at least one of the preceding~~ claims 19, wherein the composition of matter additionally comprises other anionic, nonionic and/or cationic surfactants, or mixtures thereof.

12. **(Currently Amended)** Composition of matter according to claim 11, wherein the additional anionic surfactants are selected from the group consisting

~~of comprise sulfonates and/or sulfates and in particular C9 to C16 alkylbenzolsulfonates, C12 to C18 alkyl sulfates, C12 to C15 alcohol ether sulfates or butylglycol sulfate and/or saturated C12 to C18 fatty acid soaps.~~

13. **(Currently Amended)** Composition of matter according to claim 11, wherein the additional nonionic surfactants are selected from the group consisting of ~~comprises~~ adducts of ethylene oxide and/or propylene oxide, of alkylphenols, fatty acids, fatty amines and/or fatty acid amides and/or adducts of ethylene oxide to C8 to C18 fatty alcohols, ~~preferably of 3 to 15 mols of ethylene oxide.~~

14-15. **(Canceled)**

16. **(New)** The composition of claim 4, wherein said alcohols (a), (b) and/or (c) comprise independently from each other 10 to 14 carbon atoms.

17. **(New)** The composition of claim 4, wherein said alcohols (a), (b) and/or (c) comprise independently from each other 12 to 13 carbon atoms.

18. **(New)** The composition of claim 8, wherein x and y are from 2 to 10.

19. **(New)** Composition of matter comprising up to a concentration of 50 % by weight of the composition of any one of claims 1 or 2.
20. **(New)** Composition of matter according to claim 19, wherein the concentration is from 0.1 to 20 % by weight.
21. **(New)** Composition of matter according to claim 19, wherein the concentration is from 0.2 to 15 % by weight.
22. **(New)** Composition of matter of claim 12, wherein said additional anionic surfactants are selected from the group consisting of C9 to C16 alkyl benzolsulfonates, C12 to C18 alkyl sulfates, C12 to C15 alkyl ether sulfates, butylglycol sulfate and mixtures thereof.
23. **(New)** Composition of matter of claim 12, wherein said additional anionic surfactant comprises saturated C12 to C18 fatty acid soaps.
24. **(New)** Composition of matter of claim 13, wherein said adducts of said C8 to C18 fatty alcohols contain from 3 to 15 mols of ethylene oxide.